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Title: A Micromachined Knife Gate Valve for High-Flow Pressure Regulation Applications

REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 7 November 2008 Applicant elects without traverse Group II, comprising claims 1-17 and 24-26, for consideration. Our position is that claims 1 and 24 are allowable, but for the case they are not deemed allowable, species claims 10 and 11 are elected.

In the event there are any questions concerning this Reply, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

No additional fees are believed to be due at this time however if necessary to effect a timely response the Commissioner is authorised to deduct the necessary fees from Deposit account No. 501249.

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